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Program Operates On Faith

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Before Marion Martin was befriended by Bishop Dolly Bynum, he had no job and no place to go.

That was some 15 years ago, back when the New Hope Deliverance and Miracle Center, a non-denominational church, now 20 years old, was in its infancy and Bishop Bynum, now deceased, was its leader in the Winston-Salem community.

Today, most of Martin's time and energies are spent helping to mold the church's United African American Outreach Ministry at 1700 North Liberty Street, along with the ministry's leader, Demori Robinson, and over 30 volunteers.

"We want to try to make provisions for people with medical and dental needs," says Martin, who is executive secretary of the year-old outreach program.

"We also want to keep black people aware of the dangers of high blood pressure, educate people on drug and alcohol abuse and, by the same token, give them a Christian background," he says.

Martin says the past year has been spent laying groundwork, organizing and recruiting key people for support, such as Hazel Scott of the Winston-Salem Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation and Kenneth Plummer of the Counsel on Drug Abuse. Both resource people, he says, will help the ministry by training volunteers to educate the community on the effects of sickle cell anemia and drug and alcohol abuse. In turn, the ministry will seek out ways to assist any local agencies not capable of handling a full community load, says Martin.

"We don't want to take over the community pro-

grams," he says. "Hazel Scott works by herself and we can take a lot of work off of her. She is one individual trying to do everything.

"We know there's a Crisis Control, but they can't do everything either," he adds. "And we're not just limiting our services to blacks."

Martin says the main objective of the whole outreach program is to reach whomever it can through spiritual enlightenment.

"When a man has his health and is in a good state of mind, you can reach him spiritually," he says. "The sum total of our efforts is to win souls for Christ, and we have to do things for people like feed and clothe them in order

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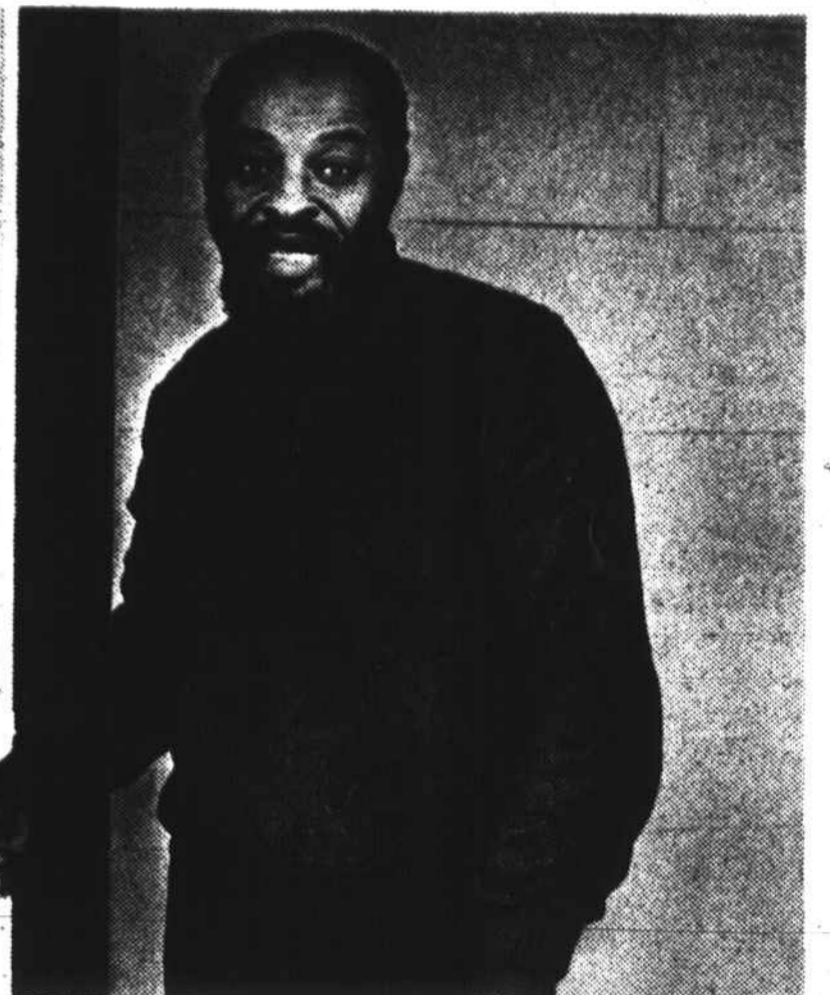
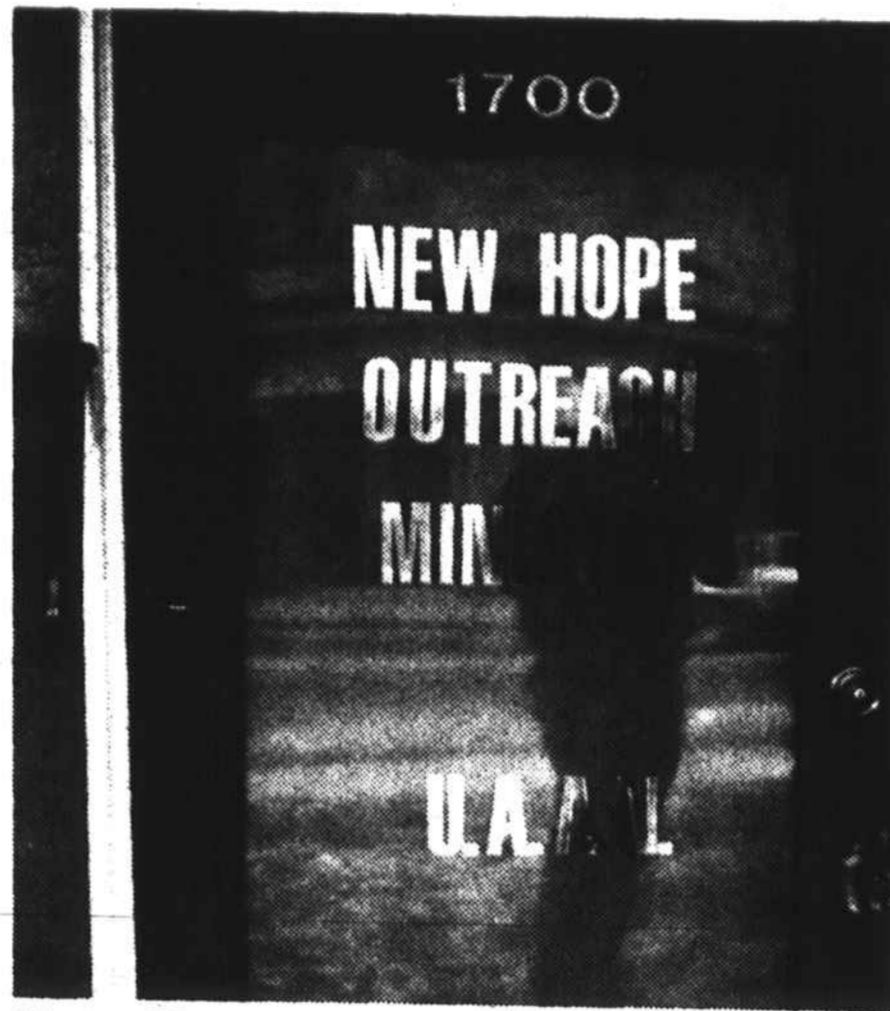
to do that."

Since its inception, the outreach program has been dependent solely on the church and volunteers to survive. Martin and his son Mark, both of whom are members of the church, have given up their part-time jobs to devote more time to the program.

"We're not looking for any compensation," says Martin. "Our main purpose is to implement God's will as we are led by Him."

Says Martin's son, Mark: "I want to help others. If you know what it's like to have to struggle, then you know the kinds of things some people need."

Right now, volunteers of the outreach program are appealing to the community for financial donations, food



Marion Martin, executive secretary of the New Hope Ministry, says he wants to return some of the kindness given to him by devoting his energies to "saving souls for Christ" (photo by James Parker).

and clothing for the needy this Christmas.

Other projects include a year-round food and clothes closet, which will be supported by contributions, and a home for the homeless.

The house the church has in mind is on Greenway Street and belonged to Bynum, says Martin. But since her death three years ago, the church and its members have been in a legal battle over Bynum's estate.

"Bishop Bynum didn't leave a will," he says. "But her intentions were to leave the house to the church, though.

We're appealing to the church community. And right now, we need roughly \$20,000 to buy it and that doesn't even include the taxes."

Unlike many state and local agencies geared toward community needs, the ministry does not operate on a set budget. Most of its financial support comes from donations.

"Our ministry is trying to express love through outreach," says Martin. "We have no budget; we just operate on faith."

Church Notes

First Baptist Performs The Messiah

The Mass Choir of First Baptist Church at Highland Avenue will present its 39th rendition of G.F. Handel's Messiah at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium at Winston-Salem State University.

Making her first appearance as a guest soloist for the choir will be Vivian Pernell, lyric-cloratura soprano. Presently residing in New York, Pernell received her bachelor's degree from Ithaca College and studied at the

American Conservatory in Fountainebleau, France.

Another first time soloist will be tenor, Bernard Thacker. A native of Winston-Salem, he received his early training from Mrs. Vivienne K. Bright and Dr. Clifford Blair. Thacker attended the N.C. School of the Arts at the advice of Dr. Vittorio Giannini and later attended academia di Chigiana in Siena, Italy. He was tenor soloist in Handel's Messiah with the Oratorio Society of New York and the Con Ora Society.

Returning soloist are contralto and High Point City Schools music teacher, Dorothy Childs and baritone, John Williams.

Also returning is Durham native, Paula Harrell, who will be featured as guest organist. She is a faculty member at the North Carolina A&T State University's Music Department, where she teaches piano.

The Sunday concert will be the first time ever for a string performance, although the brass ensemble has been featured for several years.

Mrs. Martha Atkins is church organist and D.W. Andrews will be the conductor.

Members of this year's Messiah committee are, Mrs. Martha Atkins, D.W. Andrews, James Banks, Miss Helen Gwyn, Mrs. Billie Jones, Mrs. Naomi Jones, Mrs. Wilma Lassiter, Mrs. Georgia Moore, Mrs. Linda Poindexter, G.H. Vaughn, Mrs. Janet Warren and Melvin Williams.

Wayside CME Church Observes Founder's Day

Two special services are planned this Sunday at Wayside CME Church at 3780 Carver Road.

During the 11 a.m. worship service the CME Founder's Day will be observed, which will include a reading of selected excerpts of the church history.

At 4 p.m. the church men will sponsor a Pew Rally. Special guest for the evening service will include, the Rev. Larry Butler of Wayside, Rev. Larry Gordon of Shield of Faith Baptist Church and the Rev. Douglas Summers of Rising Star Baptist Church in Walnut Cove.

Each minister will focus on the topic, "Christian Stewardship."

Proceeds from the program will be used to purchase new bibles for the church.



Bernard Thacker



Wintley Phipps

Ephesus Features Phipps

The program committee of Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church is sponsoring a musical featuring, evangelist, writer and soloist, Wintley Phipps at 6 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, corner of Ninth and File streets.

Phipps received his B.A. degree in theology from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala. where he is presently serving as assistant to the president. He has studied at John Hopkins University and received his Master of Divinity degree in 1979 from Andrews University.

Phipps has pastored at Emmanuel Church in Brinklow, Md. and served as assistant pastor at DuPont Park Church in Washington.

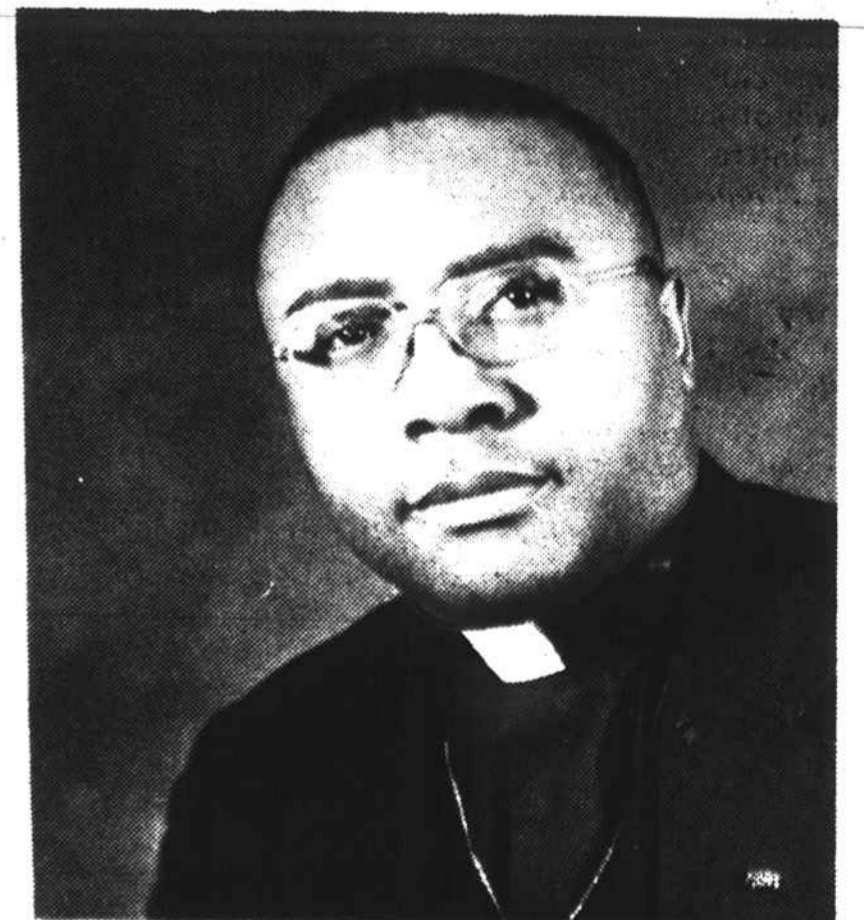
A native of Trinidad, West Indies, Phipps has toured in Austria and numerous cities in the U.S. with such crusades as the Breath of Life Crusade and the Real Life Crusade. He has also appeared on Jim Baker's PTL television show, performed as guest soloist this year for Pope John Paul and at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington. Phipps is also an accomplished recording artist on the Chapel label and performed recently at the presidential announcement of the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Also appearing on the program will be Michelle Cleveland Ammons of Huntsville.

Mistress of ceremonies will be Nancy Caree Wilson, singer, radio and television personality.

There will be no admission charge, however, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Christian Education Program at Ephesus Jr. Academy Christian School.

Members of the program committee are, Mrs. Ada Lyles, chairman; Mrs. Lucy Boykin, secretary; John Grier, principal; John Hairston, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Fulton; James Fulton, first elder; Mrs. Adell Follette; Rev. J.L. Follette, pastor.



Bishop Robert L. Wise

Rev. Mendez Becomes Pastor At Emmanuel

The Rev. John Mendez, former pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Wendell, assumed the post of minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Sunday Dec. 4.

He holds degrees from Shaw University, Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Mendez holds memberships in the N.C. General Baptist State Convention, National Baptist State Convention Inc., National Congress of Christian Education, N.C. Council of Churches and the World Baptist Alliance.

The newly appointed minister is also actively involved in the United Negro College Fund and the NAACP.

A native of New York City, Mendez is married to the former Sarah C. Howard and the couple have two children.

Bishop Wise Honored

Bishop Robert L. Wise, pastor and general overseer of Macedonia Holiness Church, will be honored with a pastoral birthday celebration at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall of the church.

Wise, a native of Winston-Salem, has served as pastor at Macedonia for 16 years. On November 27, he received the Doctor of Sacred Theology degree. He received the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1981.

He is married to the former Jessie Jackson and the couple have four children, two of whom are ministers.



Rev. John Mendez

CALENDAR

Compiled By Lucile Douthit

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

•Christ United Methodist Church at 410 Holden Road in Greensboro will present Gian-Carlo Minotti's Christmas classic, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at 8 tonight and Saturday. For more information call 299-1571.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

•Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Kernersville will sponsor its annual Christmas program at 6 p.m. Deacon William Jones will conduct the service.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

•Zion Memorial Baptist Church at 101 N. Dunleith Ave. will celebrate its 39th Anniversary at 3 p.m. The Rev. K.E. Lilly, pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

•Morning Star Baptist Church will celebrate the 2nd pastoral anniversary of Dr. B.H. Bonham at 3 p.m. The Rev. James A. Webster will be the speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service and the Rev. Benjamin Mittman will be the 3 p.m. speaker.

•City of God Prayer Fellowship and Bible Academy at 2201 23rd St. N.E. will celebrate its first Evangelistic Feast Day at 3 p.m. Evangelist Gladys Lowery will be the guest speaker. For more information call 722-4690.

•The Choral Society of Second New Bethel Baptist Church will present "Beloved Let Us Love," their first gospel music album at 7:15 at Reynolds Auditorium. Special guest will include Miss Diane Johnson of Philadelphia, the New Creation, with Rudie Thomas and St. Peter's Chorale. Tickets may be purchased at the church office at 1900 New Walkertown Road between 3-6 p.m.

•Smith Grove AME Zion Church on Highway 158 will observe Family and Friends Day at 3 p.m. Mrs. Lucile H. Douthit will be the guest speaker.

The Chronicle welcomes church calendar notices. Announcements should be concise and typed or neatly printed. They should also include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, plus a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem Chronicle Church Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is Mondays at 5:30.